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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A process for making a granular detergent composition, said process consisting essentially of the steps comprising the step of mixing a surfactant paste together with spray dried granules, said granules comprising a member selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, nonionic surfactants, and mixtures thereof, and at least one member selected from the group consisting of dry agglomerates, wet agglomerates, and detergent adjunct ingredients in at least one moderate speed mixer having zones, the mean residence time of the moderate-speed mixer is from about 30 to about 1800 seconds, and adding crystalline sodium aluminosilicate to the last zone of said mixer to form particles, and conditioning said particles in at least one conditioning apparatus to provide particles having a bulk density in the range of 400 g/l to 650 g/l, said particles having a circularity less than about 30 and an aspect ratio less than about 2, wherein the granular detergent composition comprises at least about 50% by weight of the particles having a geometric mean particle diameter of from about 500 microns to about 1500 microns with a geometric standard deviation of from about 1 to about 2.

Claims 2-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the conditioning apparatus ~~step of conditioning~~ includes at least one fluid bed granulator.

Claims 5-6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the mixer contains a ratio of dry agglomerates to spray dried granules from about 5:95 to about 95:5.

Claims 8-13. (cancelled)